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Inventors: NICHOLAS DE BEER and MARTIN DIECK

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CLOSING SEPTAL DEFECTS

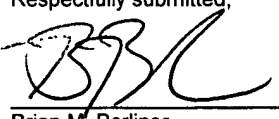
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Enclosed are:

- 24 Pages of Specification
- 16 Sheets of drawing (☒ formal ☐ informal)
- ☒ Declaration and Petition. ☐ Will follow.
- ☐ Form PTO-1595 and an assignment of the invention to ☐ Will follow.
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- ☐ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ General Authorization/Request to Petition for Extension of Time.
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In re application of: Nicholas De Beer and Martin Dieck

For: Method And Apparatus For Closing Septal Defects

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24 pages of Specification (which includes 23 claims and a one-page Abstract); 16 Sheets of formal Drawings; an executed Declaration and Petition; a General Authorization/Request to Petition for Extensions of Time; a check in the amount of \$439.00 to cover the filing fee; a Transmittal Letter (Form PTO 1082); and Return Postcard are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box Patent Application, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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